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Dear Young People!

I am delighted to invite you to be a part of our Diocesan Program to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2019 in the Archdiocese of Perth! ACYF has been celebrated previously in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

This year we hope to have a Diocesan group of 200 people joining with another 6000 young people from around the country for the festival. I hope you will be a part of it!

Young people from our Diocese have attended each of the Festivals so far and I have seen so much growth and many fruits in the young people who participated. By joining in this program, you will be undertaking a special journey and join a great tradition created by young people like yourself.

I invite you and your friends to join us on an amazing 5 day ACYF program in Perth. The program is designed to ensure that you have the best time possible, while also making attending the festival easy. The program gathers us all together as a Diocese and community in Christ.

At the festival, you will experience what it means to be a Catholic in ways you have never experienced it before. You will connect deeply with other young people, find out more about your faith and yourself - and have lots of fun along the way. You will see the passionate, energetic and youthful people of God Jesus calls us to be.

Thank you for interest in reading this booklet. I promise that you will not regret coming to the Festival as Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, does marvellous things. I simply ask that you be open and, as the theme of the festival suggests, "Listen to what the Spirit is saying." For who knows what amazing journeys the Lord can lead us on when we listen to Him?

I hope that this booklet will inspire you to come to the Festival.

See you in December!

In Christ,

+Gerard J Holohan

Bishop of Bunbury





ACYF 2019 Prayer

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, you come to us in the stillness and silence of this Great South Land.

Give us the courage to open our hearts and ears, to listen to your voice as we seek to foster the growth of your Church in Australia.

Grant us the desire to know Jesus and say our 'Yes' to his invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel.

We ask for the gift of hope as you guide us in our search for purpose and meaning in our lives.

We pray together as young people that we may love and care for all of creation.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, our brother and our companion, who lives with You and the Father forever and ever.

Amen.





How to use this booklet

This booklet is designed to give you some information about the festival itself and the Official Diocesan Program. Throughout the booklet you will see pictures of previous festival as well as young people's written summaries about their experience at the festival. Enjoy!

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I was initially reluctant to go to the festival. A friend encouraged me to go and I reluctantly agreed. However, the festival quickly changed my mind. The atmosphere and the thousands of people sharing one faith is incredible, there are no words to describe it. The speakers are inspirational, the music great, and the people amazing. I cannot recommend ACYF highly enough. And, to top it off, 2019 is in Perth! - 2017 Participant

From the Coordinator

I am so excited to be working on and presenting the Official Diocesan Program for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2019!

The first Festival was held in Melbourne 2013, the second was held in Adelaide 2015 and the third festival in 2017 in Sydney – which gathered over 20,000 young people from around the country and launched the year of Youth.

In 2019 the festival will be hosted by our neighbours, the Archdiocese of Perth! It is an awesome opportunity to attend as the festival has never been closer or more affordable!

It is set to be a massive event with amazing people, speakers and activities. DYMO will do our best to ensure you have the best experience possible at the Festival! Your time with us will be fun, thought provoking, inspiring, peaceful, intense, joyful, challenging – I could go on!

This is my fourth time coordinating and leading young people for the festival and it is always an honour and privilege. No words can truly give the experience justice, but I hope this booklet might give you a taste of what is to come.

The Official Diocesan Program is developed to make sure young people in our different parishes (from Mandurah to Esperance and everywhere in between) are able to attend the festival and connect with other young people. Amazing things happen when people come together! It is also an opportunity for us to be developed in our faith and as a community. Being part of the Official Diocesan Program has so many benefits and is a key contributor to the sort of experience you have!

I hope this booklet inspires you to be part of the Official Diocesan Program and I hope to see you with us in December!

Aaron Faure

Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator



About ACYF

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic



young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia

Purpose

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival exists to:

- Provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;
- Listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;
- Evangelise young people and empower them to be evangelists;
- Provide young people with local examples and connections of vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis.



Theme

The Festival will use the scriptural focus of the 2020 Plenary Council by adopting the theme: **'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' (Rev 2:7)**

The speakers they had were all encouraging and supportive! This has been the best experience of my life and I will tell anyone that will listen about my experience. This is a great opportunity and if you get the chance to go take it. I've never felt like I've belonged and on this trip I did I Being with over 3000 people with the same beliefs and values as you is incredible. :)

- 2015 Participant

About ACYF

When is the Festival?

The Festival runs from December 8th-10th 2019 from *approximately* 9.30am – 8.30pm each day.

Our Official Diocesan Program is a live-in program that incorporates these dates and run from the 6th – 11th of Dec more info about that later.

Where is the Festival?

The 2019 Festival will be held at **Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre**, 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth, WA 6000. The final Mass will take place Trinity College .



Our Official Diocesan Program will use the Woodman Point Recreation Camp as accommodation and we will also be exploring parts of Fremantle.

Who is the Festival for?

The festival is opened to young people in Year 9 in 2019 up to young people aged 30. Young people under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult.



Clergy and religious are welcomed to attend the festival.

Lay people over the age of 30 can only attend the festival as leaders and volunteers.

This experience overall was absolutely amazing and life changing. This experience has shown me that we/I am not alone and we are the future for the Church. It has made me a more peaceful person and shown me how to spread joy. The atmosphere was amazing. My favorite time was the Plenary. Its amazing to see how many young people there are. - 2017 Participant

Official Diocesan Program

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (DYMO) will be coordinating an Official Bunbury Diocesan Program for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2019 and young people are invited to join! Young people who are interested in attending the festival in the Diocese of Bunbury are all asked to be part of the official Diocesan Program.

The official Diocesan Program includes range of extras such as social activities,



sightseeing, meals, accommodation, transport from the accommodation to the festival, activities, spiritual programs, discussion groups, mentoring, pastoral care, games, music and much, much more.

When: 6th – 11th of December 2019.

Cost: \$730 for over 18 participants, \$710 for under participants under 18.

Accommodation: We will be staying at the Woodman Point Recreation Camp in Coogee. We will travel to and from the Festival each day as well explore Fremantle on Saturday.

Meals: All meals are covered in the Official Diocesan Program except for Saturday night dinner, which will be at the participant's own expense.

Registration: Registration for the festival (\$220) is included in the Official Diocesan Program costs.

Transport: Transport from the accommodation to the festival and back is provided in the package. Transport will be via chartered busses through a Bus Charter company. Participants are responsible for their own transport to and from the accommodation at the designated start and finish time of the Official Diocesan Program.

*Originally, I wasn't going to come, I was worried it would be a church like environment the whole time 24/7 where everyone had to sit in silence. **BUT** I'm glad I came it was such a joyful and exhilarating experience. It was amazing to be in a crowd of 20,000 people who could praise and worship the Lord without fear of being judged. We stood united as one in the presence of God. It was amazing how such a large crowd could switch from jumping, clapping and singing to absolute reverence. After this experience I feel closer to God and I hope to take my experience home and share with others. - 2017 Participant*

Itinerary

Date	Day
6th of Dec	Arrive at accommodation. Icebreaker games, discussion groups, activities at camp site.
7th of Dec	Camp activities (abseiling, archery, raft building etc.) Sightseeing and free time in Fremantle. Diocesan Mass and dinner in Fremantle.
8th of Dec	Festival opens: Whole Group Day. Briefing, debriefing, games and discussions at camp.
9th of Dec	Festival: Small Group Day. Briefing, Debriefing, games and discussions at camp.
10th of Dec	Festival: Individual Day. Briefing, debriefing, games and discussions at camp.
11th of Dec	Debrief and Farewell at camp.

Other Costs: (... not included in the Program price): Saturday dinner, Merchandise, any shopping or tourist costs, any spending money; any extra meals, drinks or snacks ; Youth Festival merchandise or resources from the Festival “Market Place”.

Cancellations: DYMO will make every effort to have your payments refunded if you cancel your registration. Such a refund, however, may not be possible in all circumstances and can in no way be guaranteed. Refunds are also subject to the individual policies of the festival organisers, program partners and accommodation provider.



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Official Diocesan Program Inclusions and Extras

Program Activities Inclusions	Description
<i>Briefings and Debriefings</i>	<i>Each morning we will run down the plan for the day, talk about any themes or focuses and answer any questions. Each night we will check in with you, let you know the next days plan and give you a chance to debrief your experience.</i>
<i>Discussion Groups</i>	<i>Each day we will have small discussion groups. These are confidential groups designed to help you process and debrief each day's experience by talking and sharing with others, and hopefully grow and understand things better in the process!</i>
<i>Leadership and Mentorship</i>	<i>The festival can be an intense, exciting and fast paced experience. We have experienced leaders to lead, guide and mentor you through the process. They are happy to chat, support and help out in anyway they can – so just ask.</i>
<i>Pastoral Care</i>	<i>Life is tough and challenging. The festival can also be tough and challenging and make you examine your personal and spiritual life. We have trained people looking out for you, ready to chat to you and help you work through anything you might be finding difficult – personal stuff, spiritual stuff, faith stuff, you name it and we'll help!</i>
<i>Prayer and Liturgy</i>	<i>Each day will come together as one community to worship God, thank him for the day and ask for His help and guidance at the festival and in our lives. We will have range of different youthful prayer and liturgies throughout the program.</i>

This experience was very overwhelming seeing all the Catholics like us was great, seeing everyone singing and dancing in joy and happiness. COME TO PERTH 2019 FOR THE NEXT ACYF! I hope to see you there! 3 in a row! - 2017 Participant

Official Diocesan Program Inclusions and Extras

Program Activities Inclusions	Description
<i>Community Bonding & Social Activities</i>	<i>No person is an island and some things are so much easier and fun in a group! We will help you connect with young people from all over the country! Get to know new people, hear their stories and journey together!</i>
<i>Team Building</i>	<i>We can't do this alone! Team building helps us to work together and support each so we can achieve incredible things! We will have a range of opportunities for team building on the program!</i>
<i>Games and Activities</i>	<i>We have a range of games and activities. Games are designed to break the ice and energise people as well as being heaps of fun. We will also be participating in some of the activities at the Camp such as archery, rock climbing, raft building, swimming and more!</i>
<i>Sightseeing</i>	<i>We will be exploring the beautiful port city of Fremantle! Walk on the beach, play at Timezone, see the markets, chill with a coffee or icecream, check out the second hand bookstores, hang out at the esplanade park, ride the Ferris wheel! Freo is your oyster!</i>

*I came into the festival not knowing what to expect, at all. I came out of the festival feeling so empowered, both mentally and physically. Everyone singing and praying together was so special. I'll never forget it., - **2017 Participant, 15 years old.***

*"My faith has always swung backwards and forwards but honestly, spending 3 days at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne has been more than enough to remind me how important the Lord is in my life and that it is ok to find Him in music and to pray through that. This has been the most amazing journey and I know that I have returned richer for the experience. You have not experienced true passion until you have joined in with 3000 others, singing one song to your one God." – **2013 Participant***

Official Diocesan Program

Behavioural Expectations:

The Festival is an awesome experience! We give young people a lot of trust, respect and responsibility on these experiences and hope to help you grow as mature, responsible, adult So that everyone gets the most out of it, it is important that everyone is on the same page and abides by rules, the code of conduct and directives given by festival organisers and leaders and volunteers.



As part of the Official Diocesan Program you will be required to complete a **confidential medical report** and to agree to and sign a **code of conduct**.

You will also be expected to participate fully and actively in all aspects of the

Festival – this will ensure you get the most out of your festival experience! You will also be required to respect the authority of all group leaders and abide by Australian law, group rules and the requests of DYMO leaders and volunteers.



Failure to meet these expectations

could result in removal from the festival event and from the DYMO Official Diocesan Program.

Everyone gets a moment of doubt in their faith. But in those 3 days of ACYF, not once did I doubt about it. It was a life-changing experience for me because I thought I had my future all planned out, but going to these sessions has made difference for myself. The joy that I saw in everyone's faces were unexplainable. It made me want to hare the experience and encourage more young people to believe. It made me realise that God's love and mercy is bigger than our worst mess. And from now on, I will pray and keep close to Jesus everyday. I will hold on tight because I know that if I left for a second, I will be one to fall. Jesus is my everything. —

2017 Participant

Supervision and Legal



Supervision: All Diocesan youth events are supervised by adult volunteers and staff members with a ratio of one adult to ten under 18 participants.

Adult staff, volunteers and leaders;

- Are both males and females and are from a range of different backgrounds and parishes.
- Possess a valid Working With Children Check Card which they will have with them at all times where applicable.
- Are registered on our Diocesan databases.
- Are successful in our Volunteer Screening Process which includes interviews, training, code of conduct forms and declarations.

DYMO abides by the Diocesan Child Protection Policy and Safeguarding Project.

More information can be found here: <https://bunburycatholic.org.au/our-people/safeguarding-office/>

Legal: The Official Diocesan Program is coordinated by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (DYMO). A comprehensive Risk Management Plan is completed for the event.

The health, safety and wellbeing of delegates are of the utmost important to DYMO. DYMO will take all reasonable care to avoid foreseeable harm and injury.

DYMO records any incidents or serious concerns at youth events. DYMO treats all information gathered confidentially and reports directly to the Bishop of Bunbury.

DYMO follows all policies and procedures of the Diocese of Bunbury as well as relevant state and federal laws.

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For Leaders and Volunteers

Volunteers and Leaders

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer and/or leader for the Official Diocesan Program. Being a volunteer/leader is a very rewarding and fulfilling experience as we journey together with young people through the Festival! It also means a lot of challenges, hard work, commitment and most important love and care for our young people!

What you need to know

All volunteers and leaders are expected to be committed to making the Official Diocesan Program a success – this means preparing well, communicating, attending all required meetings and being willing to put time and effort into working hard and serving young people.

All volunteers and leaders are required to:

1. Posses a valid Working With Children Check Card at the time of the Program.
2. Undergo the Volunteer Screening Procedure.
3. Read, accept and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct, relevant sections of the Safeguarding Handbook and the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.
4. Undergo training and briefing by the DYMO. There will be several of these throughout the year in the different areas.
5. Attend preparation and planning days in the lead up to the festival.

Parishes and Schools

Parishes and Schools are asked to send one staff member/volunteer for every 10 young people from their community if possible. This will help us meet our duty of care requirements and ratio of one adult supervisor for every 10 young persons.



For Leaders and Volunteers

Leader or Volunteer?

Both leaders and volunteers work to achieve the success of the program. Full role descriptions of volunteers and leaders will be made available closer to the festival date.

A Leader is a person who falls into the age range of the festival delegation, wants to attend the festival and is asked to be a leader. Their primary role is leadership and supervision.

A volunteer is someone who falls outside of the age of the festival delegation. Their primary role is to provide logistic and background support and supervision for the Diocesan program.

Diocesan Support and Thanks

In order to support and thank volunteers and leaders for taking on this important role, the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will cover the registration costs of leaders/volunteers. **This cost is valued at \$220.**

This is distributed among leaders and volunteers depending on the numbers of young people coming to the Festival from their community and how many leaders and volunteers we need to meet our ratios. There is limited support available for this and preference will be given to those who register early and may not have the financial means to get to the Festival otherwise.

How to Nominate

1. Talk to and be approved by your community leader where applicable.
2. Indicate on the appropriate parts of the form your interest in being a volunteer and/or leader.
3. Please note that nomination does not guarantee appointment.

“The festival was great, epic atmosphere, good venue, engaging and fun plenary’s, inspiring talks and workshops.

The diocesan program was fun and allowed us to all bond. The Mass and dinner broke the ice, the prayer and talk sessions were very calming and allowed us all to bond. I have taken away so much from the festival. My faith is so much stronger and deeper.” - 2015 ACYF Participant

Pricing and Deadlines



Full Official Diocesan Program Costs:

\$730.00 - Over 18 Participants

\$710.00 - Under 18 Participants



Official Diocesan Program Deadlines

6th – 11th of December 2019 – Official Diocesan Program

3rd of June 2019 - Deposit Deadline*

(*Please note, after the 3rd of June we will cancel our hold on any excess rooms, which therefore can be booked by other organisations/groups/events, so it is best to pay your deposit as soon as possible. Limited spots are still available after this deadline has passed.)

1st of September 2019 - Final Payment Deadline.

Payment Options

1. Money Order or Cheque made out to “Catholic Diocese of Bunbury”
2. Cash at the Diocesan Office in Office in Bunbury
3. EFT Transfer EFT details are:
 - BSB: 086-006
 - A/c Number: 784616638
 - A/c Name: Diocesan Working Account Youth Account



Please use your surname as a reference when making a EFT payment and let us know when you have done so.

Words cannot really describe my experience at the Catholic Youth Festival. The whole experience really had a profound impact on my spiritual life, as I felt like I could connect with God on a personal level. To see thousands of youth worshipping and praising God inspired me to not be ashamed of my faith but to be a proud Catholic in today's secular world. - 2017 Participant

You: “Sign Me Up!!!”

To be part of our awesome Official Diocesan Program there are a few steps you will need to take!

1. **Complete the Forms** – There are several forms (we know, it’s a lot, but its needed to keep everyone safe) that will need to be completed for you to register for the Festival. Please complete the “*DYMO ACYF Forms 2019*” and return it to us at dioyouth@bunburycatholic.org.au
2. **Pay your deposit of \$365 by 3rd of June 2019.** Your deposit secures your place in the program! The deposit will count towards your final payment. Deposits are non-refundable. Spaces will fill up fast and if you miss this deadline we can’t guarantee you a spot on the program! :O
3. **Respond to any requests from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator and Festival Organisers.** This may include requests for more information, extra forms or clarifications. Be sure to regularly check your emails for messages and updates.
4. **Make your final payment** – The full and final payment will be due on the 1st of September 2019!
5. **Attend preparation days** – Throughout the year there will be several preparation days in different areas for the festival. It is compulsory that you attend these days so you are all ready for the festival!
6. **Show up!** – Make sure you’re at the Woodman Point Recreation Camp on the 6th of December and be ready for an awesome time!!



Diocesan Youth Ministry Office



Vision

Loving young people and forming Christ within to transform the world.

Mission

To demonstrate and grow excellent ministry to young people by providing spiritual, creative, leadership and administrative support to the Church.

To empower all young people to live as disciples of Christ.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (DYMO) was established by Bishop Gerard Holohan in 2015 order to create and improve ministry to young people throughout the Catholic Diocese of Bunbury. DYMO is works in youth ministry on both a Parish and Diocesan level. The office consists of a Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator as well as a range of hardworking and committed youth ministry volunteers.



Check out our logo! Do you love it as much as we do?



Our Logo was chosen from a range of entries into our Logo Competition. This logo was made by Luke Garbin, you can read his explanation of the different parts below!

The logo is a stylised text which represents the letters DYMO representing the acronym for the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office.

The letter D Incorporates the Bishop's mitre in the lower left corner, the road way is symbolic of country towns of the Diocese and of journeying.

The letter Y form is taken from a chalice with the symbols of grapes and wheat representing farming communities and the Eucharist.

The letter "M" is formed by two sails representing the coastal towns of the Diocese.

The letter "O" has fire indicating the role of the Holy Spirit in forming the young people of the Diocese.

More Information

If you like more the information about the Official Diocesan Program please contact us at dioyouth@bunburycatholic.org.au or on 9721 0508 / 0425 622 788.

More information about ACYF can be found at the website: <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

You can also find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BunburyDYMO/>

<https://www.facebook.com/acyf2019/>

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